

Inauguration of Workshop on “Biosafety and Bioethics in Modern Entomological Research”

New Delhi, 12 August 2026. A three-Day Workshop on “Biosafety and Bioethics for Excellence in Modern Entomological Research” was inaugurated on 12 August 2026 at the NRL Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. The event is being organized by the Division of Entomology, ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), New Delhi.

The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, as the Chief Guest, in the presence of Dr. C. Viswanathan, Joint Director (Research), and Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean & Joint Director (Education), ICAR-IARI, along with distinguished scientists, experts, course directors, research scholars and participants.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao delivered the inaugural address highlighted the importance of this workshop to the students and young researchers. He also encouraged the participants to deliver the lectures in their respective institutions/colleges when they complete the workshop to spread the important of biosafety and bioethics in research. The objective of the workshop is to create awareness and capacity in biosafety, biosecurity, bioethics, laboratory safety, risk assessment, and responsible conduct of research in the rapidly evolving field of modern entomology. With increasing applications of molecular biology, RNA interference, CRISPR-based genome editing, insect transgenesis, synthetic biology, microbial biocontrol, and insect cell culture, the programme emphasizes the importance of conducting innovative research in a safe, ethical, and environmentally responsible manner.

The three-day programme brings together expert lectures from different organizations, practical demonstrations and laboratory-oriented activities covering biosafety regulations, BSL/IBSL facilities, safe handling of biological materials, genetically modified organisms, insect pathogens and microorganisms, hazardous chemicals, laboratory waste management, emergency preparedness, environmental safety, research integrity, publication ethics, and responsible research practices. Overall, 31 participants attending the workshop representing early-career scientists, research scholars, and technical and research staff.



